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The following observations were made at Alt Loennewitz airfield between 31 July and 11 August 1953:

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31 July, [redacted] school children that parachutists jumped from a [redacted] twin-engine aircraft near the field at about 6 p.m. and that some of parachutists had landed in the woods.

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1 August. There were no firing practices at the Belgern training grounds. [redacted]
[redacted] a local resident that an aircraft towing an air sleeve had recently been shot down during firing practices.

2 August. No flying was observed at the field.
3 August. There was no flying in the morning. The ceiling was low. Between 1 p.m.

and 5 p.m., individual flights by MiG-15s were observed.
4 August. Between 7:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Il-10s flew wide circles over the field; MiG-15s flew individually and in elements of twos; and 2 twin-engine monoplanes made local flights. The weather was fair. Between 2:15 and 2:20 p.m., 9 groups of two MiG-15s each took off, assembled in formation and headed west. [redacted]

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5 August. Individual Il-10s [redacted] made local flights. 25X1
There was a low ceiling.

6 August. Between 8:30 a.m. and noon, there was air-to-ground firing by groups of 3 MiG-15s each at the Belgern training grounds. The MiGs approached from the south, came down at an angle of about 45 degrees and fired 3 to 5 bursts, each at targets which could not be observed. Weather was partly cloudy with intermittent rain. Between 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., individual Il-10s practiced flying and diving over the field.

7 August. Between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., Il-10s practiced flying individually and in elements of twos. There were gusty westerly winds.

8 August. At 10:30 a.m., a formation of 8 twin-engine monoplanes approached the field and landed. The aircraft subsequently conducted formation flying in elements of twos until 4:50 p.m. Il-10s were also observed flying individually. 25X1

9 August. There was no flying.

11 August. Between 7:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., there was intensive flying by Il-10s; formations of up to 12 aircraft were seen. [redacted]

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[redacted] The weather was fair. At 12:30 p.m., 36 Il-10s and 1 twin-engine monoplane were parked outside the hangars. No MiG-15s were observed, and no aircraft were parked in the area of the alert flight.

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[redacted] Comment. One ground attack regiment, which is believed to be equipped with 36 Il-10s, and the air transport regiment which had been stationed at Schoenefeld

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airfield until 7 August are stationed at Alt Loennewitz airfield. The fighter regiment previously stationed at Alt Loennewitz was transferred to Brand airfield between 8 and 12 August 1953.

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